

## TOWN

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there are funds available for such upgrades.

To have the building designated as an emergency shelter would be at little or no cost to the town, according to Roberts. She said the main thing for the town would be to recruit and train volunteers to operate the shelter if it is activated.

During the council meeting, Roberts said she was simply looking at this point for a show

of support from the town. The council gave her that support by unanimously approving the motion to work with the Red Cross on this project.

In regards to announcements, Mayor Cole reminded those in attendance that a downtown revitalization meeting will be held Tuesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the new town hall.

The next council meeting will be Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

## Application Process open for Habitat for Humanity House

The application process is open to those wishing to apply for the Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba. Interested families should stop by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, in Elba, to pick up an application. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 31.



**THE 4-H MEAT JUDGING TEAM RECENTLY PLACED FIRST AT DISTRICT COMPETITION.** Members of the team are as follows: Front Row (left to right): Sam Boyd, Enterprise, Wyatt Moore, New Brockton and Kayley Moore, New Brockton; Back row (left to right): Ben Jones, Enterprise, Buddy Skipper, Enterprise, Claire Bailey, New Brockton, Christie Green, Zion Chapel and K.D. Barnes, Enterprise. Ben Jones, Christie Green, and Claire Bailey will represent Coffee County at the State Competition in Auburn later this month.

## Fish stocking available for farm ponds

Effective September 1, 2007, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division will increase the fee for stocking private ponds in order to capture the cost of the program. A one-acre pond stocked with both bass and bream will cost \$140 and will cost \$70 stocked with bass only.

The fee structure will be a minimum of \$70 for ponds one-half acre or smaller, plus incremental adjustments of \$35 for each additional one-quarter surface acre for ponds five surface acres or smaller. For ponds larger than five surface acres, the fee will increase to \$140 per acre. Ponds stocked with bass only will cost one half of the full stocking fee.

This change reflects the WFF Division's continuing effort to provide private pond owners an opportunity to stock their ponds correctly and at an economical cost.

To request more information and an application form, contact the District Fisheries Office which serves your county. Remember, all applications must be received at the District Office by the February 1 deadline each stocking season: Fisheries District VI:

(Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties) 3520 Plaza Dr., Enterprise, AL 36330; 334-347-9467; michael.holley@dnr.alabama.gov

## Coffee County School System to destroy inactive special education student records

The special education department of the Coffee County School System will destroy inactive special education student records during the week of Aug. 20, 2007.

All inactive confidential special education student records dated prior to school year 2000-2001 will be destroyed.

## Free job skills training offered by LBWCC

LBW Community College offers Ready to Work, a free 10-week program to provide the skills required for entry-level employment with many Alabama businesses and industries.

Classes are available on the

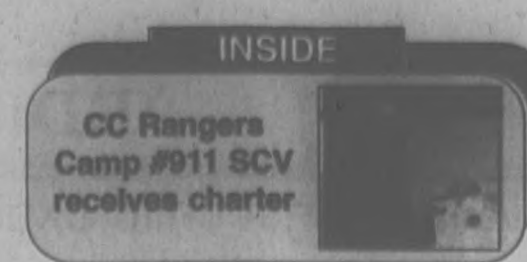
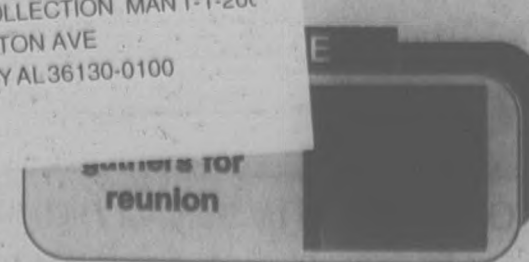
Andalusia Campus or at the Luverne Center. Take the first step to a better future by calling (334) 881-2274 or 335-2187 to learn more. Classes begin soon and space is limited, so call today.

Identification will be required prior to release of records.

Any former student or parent wishing to have their or their child's special education records should contact Rebecca Hardman, special education coordinator, Coffee County Schools, at (334) 897-5016 by Aug. 20.

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## 2007 ISO rating inspection report draws difference of opinion among city officials

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Comments made during a recent Elba City Council meeting indicated Elba had not scored well on a just completed ISO rating inspection due to a lower than normal rating of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Danny Jordan later produced copies of the rating check from the 2007 inspection and the previous 1989 inspection. According to Jordan, com-

parison of the two reports shows that the fire department actually improved from 23.24 to 25.46. As the chief pointed out, comparing the two reports indicates the water supply inspection for the respective years shows a drop from 18.57 to 15.32 in 2007. This drop in points was due to lower water pressure at each of nine fire hydrants checked by the inspector. The report shows one hydrant in a commercial area tested at a

flow of 410 gallons per minute (GPM), and the inspector required 3000 GPM to earn maximum points. According to the report, no test site met the required GPM.

The score needed to lower the fire rating from a six to a five and ultimately drop the cost of fire insurance for local residents was 50. Elba's score was 46.31 in the 2007 inspection. That is down from 48.45 in 1989.

Elba Mayor James Grimes said he is aware of the differing opinions on the 2007 inspection results, and he and the fire chief are planning to meet and discuss the full report. Grimes added that he would address the matter again after his meeting with Jordan.

## Wreck claims elderly couple

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A two-vehicle wreck Monday morning, July 16, claimed the lives of a Covington County couple and sent a Coffee County man to the hospital.

The wreck occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 16, about two miles west of Enterprise on Alabama Highway 134 near Coffee County Road 617. It appeared as though the two vehicles collided head-on.

Killed as a result of the crash were Ralph Weeks, age 88, of Opp, Ala., and his wife Amy Strickland Weeks, age 70, of Opp. The couple were traveling in a 1992 Buick Regal.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weeks reportedly were pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner (Enterprise Division) Robert Freachers.

Injured in the accident was Matthew Ryan Windham, age 24, of New Brockton. He was taken to Medical Center Enterprise for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident.

Windham was traveling in a 2005 Nissan Titan pickup truck.

Traffic along Hwy. 134 for diverted for several hours Monday as emergency personnel worked the scene and officers began their investigation into the cause of the fatal accident.

The accident remains under investigation by Alabama State Trooper David McGowan.

Several emergency personnel agencies responded to the scene including, the Enterprise

## During Coffee County BOE meeting

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## New Elba High School principal speaks to Kiwanis Club

Elba Kiwanis Club members welcomed the new Elba High School principal, Shane Casey, who spoke to the club about his new role during a recent club meeting.

Mr. Casey was one of two assistant principals at Elba High last year. He spent one year in Escambia County and 19 years as a math and physics teacher at Enterprise High School before coming to Elba.

Casey and his wife, who works in the office at Holly Hill Elementary School, have two sons. The oldest son graduated from Enterprise High School this year.

Casey reported that he is still learning and has a good staff helping him. He said they have been busy this summer revising the school handbook and the only significant changes concerned dress code and tardies.

Kiwanis Club sponsors the Key Club at EHS, and Mr. Casey said he supported student organizations such as the Key Club.

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**ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL TROY KING** visited Elba last Wednesday, July 11, to film a news report with WAKA News 8 regarding the continuing court hearings and other delays in the scheduled execution of Billy Joe Magwood for the killing of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham. Above WAKA reporter Lauren Bethune interviews General King with the old county jail in the background. Grantham was gunned down in front of the jail on Thursday morning of March 1st, 1979. This year an appeal which had been pending in federal court for years was answered and the sentence was overturned because the judge wrote that Alabama law did not call for the death penalty at the time of the shooting. King has repeatedly said he would appeal that ruling and continue to fight for the sentence to be carried out as directed by a Coffee County jury.

## Governor announces grant for recreation park in Kinston

A Kinston park is about to get a facelift thanks to a federal grant, announced by Gov. Bob Riley.

The \$26,040 grant will be used for a rehabilitation project at Hefflin Smith's Sports Complex. Funds will be used to provide new amenities at the 15.7-acre park.

"Our outdoor recreational

facilities and organized sports have helped mold many Alabama children into outstanding citizens," Riley said. "This project will ensure that those opportunities are available for today's children and tomorrow's leaders. I am pleased to announce this project."

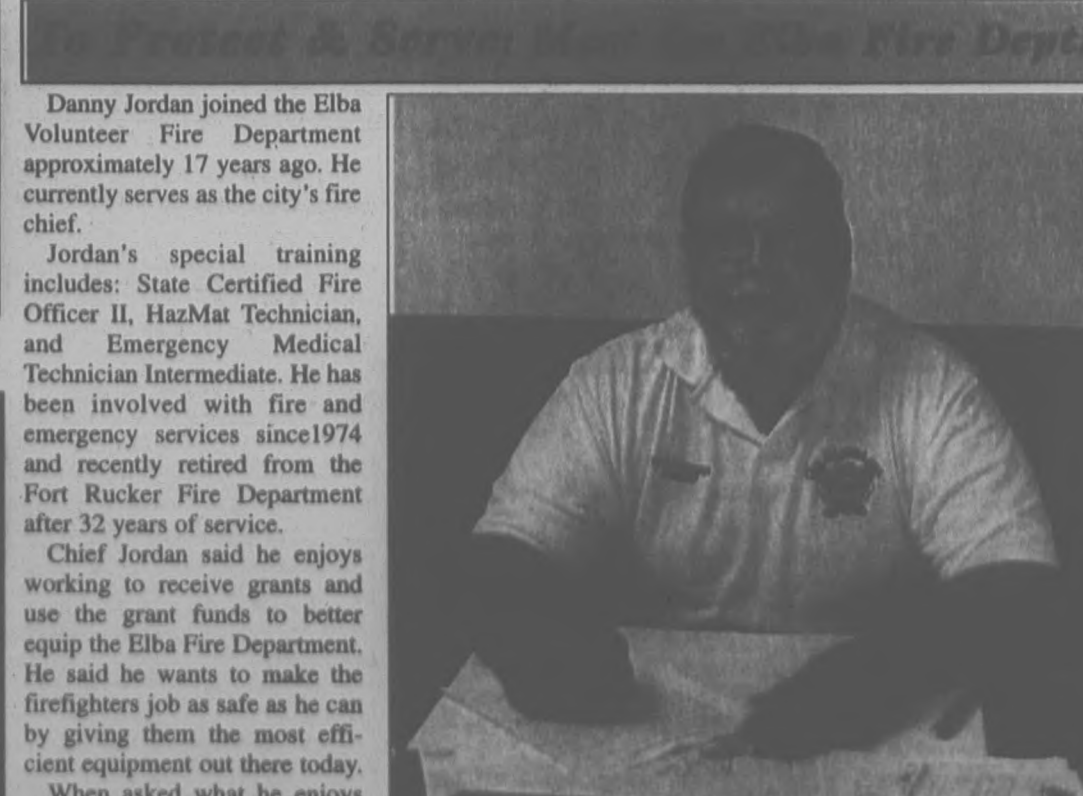
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The project includes providing new roofing and concrete

flooring at four ballfield dugouts, renovating a concession stand, installing bleacher pads and building a concrete slab at a basketball court.

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Chief Danny Jordan

Danny Jordan joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately 17 years ago. He currently serves as the city's fire chief.

Jordan's special training includes: State Certified Fire Officer II, HazMat Technician, and Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate. He has been involved with fire and emergency services since 1974 and recently retired from the Fort Rucker Fire Department after 32 years of service.

Chief Jordan said he enjoys working to receive grants and use the grant funds to better equip the Elba Fire Department. He said he wants to make the firefighters job as safe as he can by giving them the most efficient equipment out there today.

When asked what he enjoys most about the fire department, Jordan said, "being able to help others in their time of need."

Danny's family includes his wife, Sandra; son and daughter-

in-law, Chris and Marsha; son, Jason, and grandchildren, Blake, Caleb and Montana.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and "watching and playing with the grandkids."

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## BRASS COPS

With Ferrin Cox

The rain finally returned to South Alabama but for many area farmers it was just too late to save their field crops. Hay fields and corn crops seem to be the most obvious losers as some farmers cut the corn stalks for feed when it became obvious the dry weather was about to win. It had already won in the hay fields. Other farmers just plowed the swiveled corn stalks under and are hoping for better results next time.

FEMA has spent some \$12.5 million dollars storing extra ice they bought after Hurricane Katrina. Now they have decided the ice may not be "safe" . . . nothing was said about the wasted \$12.5 million. Now that is just plain ice, nothing special, the same stuff you buy at jillions of grocery and convenience stores. However they also reportedly pay a premium price to some big company when they bought the ice, "because they needed it in a hurry." We would recommend they set up their computer programs . . . now when there is no crisis . . . to instantly buy a truck load of ice from one or a hundred companies across the nation and not pay one "good ole boy buddy" extra hard earned taxpayer money because some lazy bureaucrat at headquarters is in a hurry or afraid he or she might break a sweat.

Do we admire or even like FEMA? No, not today's FEMA!

The news out of Montgomery is that all the state prisoners, both male and female, who were sent to Louisiana jails several years ago are returning to Alabama prisons. The move will please most everyone. Many family members like the shorter travel for weekend visits, taxpayers like that Alabama tax dollars will be spent here, prison officials feel (know) they can have better control in an Alabama facility, the list of pluses goes on and on. Just where all these people will be housed is not so clear. Very little additional construction has been done since the original move to satisfy a court order. We suspect that the work release centers such as is in Elba will again become full. The local facility dropped drastically in resident count following the massive paroling after the additional state parole board was established. Now those beds will more than likely become occupied again.

Hey, an e-mail arrived this week with very good news for this writer! A bank lock box was found . . . in some foreign country . . . with yours truly as the listed heir. This is a box stuffed with some \$10 million dollars cash. All lawyers are not bad 'cause the e-mail purportedly from this international law firm wanted to be sure we got our rightful funds. At least that is how the message read. No, we didn't bite . . . the message went into the scam file where it deserved to be placed.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 9, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for domestic violence, two for harassment, one for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for a vehicle accident, one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, one for minor in possession, one for child neglect, one for burglary and one for negotiating a worthless instrument.

The following arrests were made: one for criminal trespassing, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and two for minor in possession.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with one headlight, two for violation of the seat belt law, one for a suspended driver's license and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JULY 9** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 678 Lee St. (2:14 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Putnam St. (6:45 a.m.).

**TUESDAY, JULY 10** - Possible prowler reported at 1259 Ann St. (3:09 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St. (6:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (10:30 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11** - Minor wreck reported in The Peoples Bank parking lot (4:45 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (7:01 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 12** -

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## EDITORIAL

### The fight against child exploitation (Editorial by Senator Richard Shelby)

Almost every week we are confronted with news stories describing heinous acts towards children. As unthinkable as it seems to most Americans, some people in the U.S. and throughout the world seek to exploit and harm our children. Child pornography is a multi-billion dollar global industry that abuses children. I believe that we have a moral obligation and clear duty to protect children from these acts. For that reason, in every role I play as a U.S. Senator, I have made eradicating child exploitation a top priority.

I have worked with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and its international sister organization to address the escalating problem of child pornography on the internet. The demand for this type of pornography is staggering and only continues to grow.

Editorial by Ann Dalrymple  
Enterprise, Ala.

Three years and six afghans ago, I found a new friend. Not the kind of friend that shops with me all day or talks on the phone for hours or who shares secrets or clothes with me, but, nonetheless, a friend.

The fact that she was almost 20 years my senior did not matter. She shared with me the valuable gifts of time and talent.

Someone said, "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive." As I look back, I realize that this new friend opened a world for me because she taught me the centuries old art of crocheting. The task was not easy, but we did succeed.

Bernice Maddox (along with her dear husband Bill) became my friend at the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center. Seeing one of her beautiful afghans mentioned that I would like to know how to crochet. She assured me that I could do it. I wasn't so sure. During the next few months, we spent hours, her hand wrapped around mine, with patience and love, guiding me as I labored myself to work alone, but I would take the afghan back for help whenever the tiniest of problems occurred.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." Quite often, I want to give up, knowing that learning to crochet was not coming easy to me, but Miss Bernice insisted that I keep on. She encouraged me and applauded me each time I succeeded.

Miss Bernice showed me, as her mother had shown her, the

### BULLETIN BOARD

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• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6-8 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room, in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Board Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5558

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Pro Fish Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday 5 P.M. - the FBO office at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Thursday

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Elba City Public Library - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

Likewise, because the internet provides unparalleled anonymity, access and the ability to use credit cards and other electronic payment methods, child pornography has become one of the fastest growing businesses online.

As Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee in 2006, I worked to bring banks, credit card companies, internet service providers and alternate payment providers together in an effort to address this issue comprehensively. From a financial perspective, The Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography is an initiative organized by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the International Center for Missing & Exploited Children. These two groups are collaborating with several financial institutions and internet industry leaders to eradicate the commercial viability of child pornography by the year 2008.

There is still more work to do. The internet is an amazing tool and its benefits are virtually unlimited. In the few years since it became publicly available, it has transformed the way the world communicates, conducts business and gathers information. Unfortunately, access to potential victims for predators has increased hand-in-hand with the internet's expansion. Being informed of the risks is paramount to protecting our children from the dangers in our communities and on our computers. I encourage every adult to take the time to go to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children website (www.NCMEC.org), particularly the NetSmart2411 internet safety program, for tips on keeping children safe. As your U.S. Senator, I will continue my work to eradicate crimes against children and I will encourage my colleagues to vote to include this important funding in the fiscal year 2008 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill.

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**Happy 85th Birthday J. J.**  
**You're the best**  
**We love you Dad**

Joyce, Barbara, Jimmy, Nell, Judy, Tommy, Donnie, Debbie, your grandchildren, great grandchildren and a "wink from above"

July 22 2007  
James J. Skinner

Dear Editor,

A committee of the class of '54 is planning activities for its members on September 29, 2007 in conjunction with homecoming.

A brunch is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Those that arrive early will attend the homecoming parade and football game on Friday, September 28, 2007.

Letters have been sent to all class members at the last known address. If anyone knows of a

class member that has relocated to a new address in the last three years, they are requested to notify Myra Kelley at 897-6353.

The class of '54 will be celebrating the anniversary of their graduation from Elba High School 53 years ago.

Sincerely,  
Charles Ellis

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has received additional Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to aid producers with water issues resulting from the drought. The Ground and Surface Water Conservation (GSWC) Project is a special project funded through the EQIP program. This project is designed to promote ground and surface water conservation by providing incentive payments to producers to carry out eligible conservation activities in order to improve irrigation systems and/or enhance irrigation efficiencies.

The local NRCS office is accepting applications. Applicant qualifications will be determined using the following guidelines:

1. Assistance through the project must result in a net savings in ground or surface water resources in the agricultural operation of the producer.

2. Only land that has been irrigated for two of the last five years prior to submitting an application is eligible.

3. The existing irrigation system must be a functional system and meet the following requirements:

a. center pivot







# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 SCV receives charter

The Coffee County Rangers Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp held its first official meeting on June 16, 2007.

Leonard Wilson, Commander Alabama Division SCV, presented the Charter to Joe Clark, Camp Commander. The Camp was chartered with 15 members, most of who were in attendance at the Saturday meeting and received their membership certificates.

Other SCV officers who attended the meeting were Wyatt Willis, 1st Lt. Commander, Alabama Division SCV, and Ron Taylor, Commander Southeast Division SCV.

In addition to presenting the Camp Charter, Commander Wilson discussed with the group the projects being undertaken by the Alabama SCV. These projects include efforts to preserve and restore Confederate memorials, monuments and sites such as the Historic Magee Farm at Kushla, AL and the Joe Wheeler Home.

Commander Willis talked to the group about the Confederate Battle Flag that the SCV placed beside Interstate 65 near mile marker 194.

Commander Taylor gave an informative talk about the SCV organization and its purposes.

The members of the new Coffee County Rangers Camp selected this name because of the distinguished service record of the original Coffee County Rangers. The Coffee County

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Leonard Wilson, Alabama Division Commander, SCV presents charter to Joe Clark, Commander, Coffee County Rangers.

Rangers also known as the Coffee County Volunteers was organized as a home militia in December 1860 (one month before Alabama seceded).

The Rangers were the first unit from Coffee County to march off to war. The unit was

Students return to school Thursday, Aug. 9th  
Elba High students reminded of several upcoming back-to-school details for 2007-08 school year

Elba High School students can pick up class schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the upcoming school year Aug. 1-7. The school office will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Class schedules may be picked up by grade level on the following days:

• Wednesday, Aug. 1 - Seniors and Juniors  
• Thursday, Aug. 2 - Sophomores and Freshmen  
• Monday, Aug. 6 - 8th Grade  
• 7th Grade orientation will be Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

Lockers are \$5 and parking permits are \$10 for the 2007-2008 school year.

Paid meals for students are \$1 for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch w/paid account or cash in the lunchroom. Reduced price meals are 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch w/reduced account only.

Students are reminded that all book bags should be transparent or made of mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger.

Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook.

All shirt tails must be tucked

officially commissioned by an Act of the Confederate Congress on 21 August 1861 and became Company D of the 12th Alabama Infantry Regiment, a part of the Army of Northern Virginia.

This Regiment fought with General Robert E. Lee from Manassas to Appomattox. After four long years of fighting, of the original 1196 members of the 12th Alabama Infantry Regiment only about 50 were remaining. Commander Wilson told the Camp members that the original SCV Camp #911 was chartered in Enterprise September 22, 1919 with J. W. Kelsoe as Commander and G. W. Carlisle as Adjutant. If anyone has any information about the original SCV Camp that was located in Enterprise, or for information about the SCV or SCV membership, contact Joe Clark at 897-2042.

change before they will be allowed back in class. The dress code will be enforced from the time students arrive on campus until they leave campus.

The dress code policy that deals with jewelry, accessories, shirts/tops, other clothing related guidelines and symbols/pictures/wording/tattoos will remain the same as the old policy.

Students who drive must register their vehicle in the school office.

The first day for students is Thursday, Aug. 9 (1/2 day). Students will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program. Following the assembly students will attend an abbreviated class schedule and school will be dismissed at 11:20 a.m.

Kindergarten Jumpstart planned for July 30-31 at Coffee County Schools

Kindergarten JUMPSTART for Coffee County Schools (Kinston, New Brokton, and Zion Chapel) will be held July 30-31, 2007 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m.

JUMPSTART is a two day program that allows incoming kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school. Each day is three hours in length during which time the students are exposed to a mini kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the building, and are introduced to

their teacher as well as several other staff members.

On the first day, all students are parents are to report to the school library with their beginning school supplies. The students will then go with their teacher to the classroom. The parents will remain in the library for an orientation meeting with the principal. When this meeting is completed the parents will go to their child's room for a meeting with the teacher. During the parent/teacher meeting the teacher will explain her discipline plan, class schedule, rules, drop off/pick up procedure for students, answer questions, and collect lunch/snack money for the first week of school.

JUMPSTART will begin at 8:00 and conclude at 11:00. You will need to provide transportation for your child during this two day session.

For an questions call Carol Mooney at 897-5016.

Fourth Grade Supply List

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## Elba Elementary School

### School Supply List for 2007-08 School Year

#### First Grade Supply List

2.1 Subject notebooks  
2 Bottles Glue  
2 Packs Crayons  
1 Pair of Scissors  
1 Pack of Erasers  
2 Packs #2 Pencils  
1 Supply Box (No Bags Please)  
3 Rolls of Paper Towels  
3 Boxes of Tissue  
One Bottle Hand Sanitizer or Soap  
\$3.00 Planner and Folder

#### Second Grade Supply List

Crayola Crayons - 2 packs (24 count)  
Fiskars Scissors  
Pencils (10 count) - 4 packs  
Large Glue Sticks - 4  
Elmer's School Glue - 1 bottle  
Construction Paper (not tear out) - 1 pack  
Wide-ruled Notebook Paper - 4 packs  
1 Subject Composition Books (wire bound) - 4  
Copy Paper - 1 ream (500 sheets)  
3-prong PLASTIC Folders - 4  
Zippered Pencil Pouch (preferably cloth)  
Cap Erasers - 2 large packs  
Paper Towels - 8 rolls  
Kleenex - 4 boxes  
Liquid Soap - 1 large REFILL bottle  
Boys - Gallon Size Zip Lock Freezer Bags  
Girls - Quart Size Zip Lock Freezer Bags  
\$3.00 - Student Planner and School Folder (Students will receive these when purchased. Please send this as soon as possible. The planner and folder will be used the first week of school.)  
\*\*No markers, Trapper Keepers, crayon boxes, or rolling book bags!!!

#### Third Grade Supply List

6 Composition Notebooks (Spiral)  
4 Paper Towels  
3 Kleenex  
3 Pocket Folders  
2 Packs of Notebook Paper (wide-ruled)  
Pencils (plenty, please!!)  
Fiskars Scissors  
Crayons  
Construction Paper  
Glue  
Hand Held Pencil Sharpener with cover  
Soap and Germ-X  
Supply Box or Pouch  
Three-Ring Binder (Coleman and Head)  
Band-Aids  
Boys - Gallon Size Ziplock Bags  
Girls - Quart Size Ziplock Bags  
\$5.00 for Accelerated Math Paper  
\$3.00 Plastic Folder/Planner

#### Fourth Grade Supply List

\$3.00 for Weekly Folder and Planner  
\$5.00 for Scholastic News  
\$5.00 for Accelerated Math Paper  
Large 3 ring binder-zipper type  
Divider Sheets with tabs (6 tabs)

#### Fifth Grade Supply List

Loose-Leaf paper - 4 packs of wide-rule with minimum 100 sheets per package  
2 Steno Books for Reading  
Supply pouch with zipper to fit binder  
Colored pencils  
Crayons  
Scissors  
Glue Sticks - no liquid glue!  
#2 pencils - NO LEAD PENCILS (2 packs of at least 12 pencils)  
Paper Towels - 4 rolls  
Band-Aids - 1 box  
Kleenex - 2 boxes  
Mesh book bag only!!!! Must be emptied daily and stored in cubby.  
Liquid soap  
No pencil sharpeners!  
No composition books

#### Sixth Grade Supply List

\$5.00 Accelerated Math fee  
\$3.00 Planner/Take-home folder  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Pencils  
Pencil sharpener with Lid  
Paper Towels - 2  
Kleenex - 2  
Colored Pencils  
Glue Sticks - 2  
Supply Pouch  
Zip Lock Bags - Gallon or Quart  
Pocket Folders with Brads - 6  
One-Subject Spiral Notebook - 2  
Scissors  
Mesh Book Bag  
One pack of Red Pens  
One pack of Blue Pens  
Hand Sanitizer - 3

#### Seventh Grade Supply List

10 Single subject composition books (at least 70 sheets)  
Regular pencils or DISPOSABLE mechanical pencils  
Red pen  
Blue pen  
Colored pencils  
Scissors 3 rolls of paper towels  
2 boxes of tissue  
2 bottles of hand sanitizer (NOT soap)  
\$3.00 for weekly folder and planner book

#### Eighth Grade Supply List

All Talent Pool supplies are used by the community with the exception of individual folders. Therefore, please put a name of folders and nothing else. Supplies are stored where they are easily accessible to all Talent Pool students. Using community supplies keeps students from interrupting the regular classroom instruction to go back for forgotten items.

#### Third Grade (Talent Pool)

4-6 Pocket folders  
Black Liquid Roller ball pens  
Rubber Cement (NOT glue)  
Paper Towels

#### Fourth Grade (Talent Pool)

4-6 Pocket folders  
Markers  
Paper Towels  
AA Batteries

#### Fifth Grade (Talent Pool)

4-6 Pocket folders  
Hand Sanitizer (NOT SOAP)  
Glue stick  
Markers

#### Sixth Grade (Talent Pool)

4-6 Pocket folders  
Paper plates  
Masking Tape  
Styrofoam cups

#### \*\* Interested families may make a \$20 Talent Pool contribution to be used toward instructional resources. Please make checks payable to Elba Elementary School/Talent Pool.

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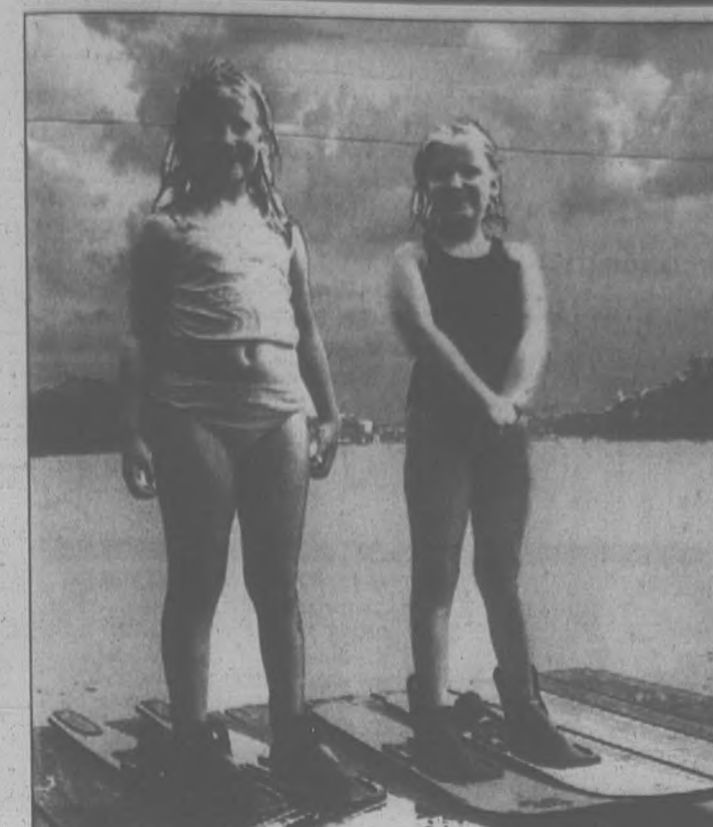
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Samantha and Anna Lynn Morrow, daughters of Elba natives Blue and Aleah (nee Hudson) Morrow, now living in Atlanta, Ga., recently spent the weekend on Giant Lake with their aunt and uncle, Gypsy and Andy Smith. They are the granddaughters of Jake Lubert and Sammy Morrow and Jean and J.R. Helms, all of Elba.

## CenturyTel launches broadband TV service

CenturyTel, Inc. is delivering the future of interactive and on-demand entertainment today with its recently launched broadband TV service.

"CenturyTel customers don't have to be anchored to their couch to access real-time TV channels, as they can now be entertained using their desktop or laptop computers any time and anywhere a broadband connection is available," said Tim Griffin, CenturyTel's general manager in Alabama. "We continue to deliver cutting-edge entertainment solutions."

CenturyTel's Broadband TV service can be accessed through www.centurytel.net and once subscribed, customers will not have to add any software or applications to their computer.

Through our partnership with MobTV, Inc., CenturyTel customers can enjoy more than 24 channels such as The Weather Channel, A&E Broadband, Oxygen and music video channels for one low price," Griffin said. "It's entertainment for those on the go wherever a high-speed Internet connection is available."

CenturyTel's Broadband TV service includes a full program-

## AWF plans to recognize Conservation Achievement Award recipients at banquet

The Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) will present this year's AWF Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards (GCAA) at a formal banquet beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery.

The AWF Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards, considered the most prestigious conservation honor in the state of Alabama, promote

leadership by example and in turn increase conservation of our natural resources including our wildlife, forests, soils, water and air.

This year's award recipients include

Legislative Conservation of the Year, Rep. Seth Hammett; Lt. Governor Jim Folsom and Sen. Jimmy Holley.

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## Several routine improvement projects either completed or underway at Elba City Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The start of a new school year is just around the corner, and the staff and administration of Elba City Schools has been busy this summer working to make sure the schools are in "tip-top" shape when students return in early August.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said there are not enough words to properly commend the staff that has worked throughout the summer to make many welcomed improvements to the school's facilities and grounds. If a dollar figure were to be placed on all the work the staff has done, he said the savings to the school system would be unbelievable.

Some of the projects either completed or underway include a new gym floor at the elementary school, painting, floor polishing and erosion control.

Weeks especially commended the career tech staff and the coaches for all the work they have done throughout the summer. He said he believes their hard work and dedication will certainly be evident when school resumes.

Teachers will return Monday, Aug. 6, for their first day of school while the students are scheduled to return Thursday, Aug. 9.

Weeks said the majority of last year's staff is returning to the schools; however, there are a few changes including a new principal at the high school. Shane Casey is the school's new principal.

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will be constructed.

Riley notified Mayor William H. Mullins that the grant had been approved. The town has also pledged \$26,040 for the project.

The grant was made available to the state through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The LWCF program was created in 1965 by Congress to assist states in developing recreational facilities.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant.



Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said the schools' coaching staff has worked hard over the summer to complete various painting projects among other things. The bus loading area at the back of the high school is evidence of their work (as shown above). Several doors and posts that once were blue have now been painted black and offer a much more attractive look. In the area above, some concrete has been added to help cut down on the amount of dirt tracked into the school and gym.



A new gym floor at the elementary school is among the many improvements made over the summer at the Elba City Schools. Superintendent Weeks said this new gym floor is state-of-the-art and the flex-type court it now features will be a safety benefit for students.



A roofing project at the central office was ongoing this week at Elba City Schools. Superintendent Danny Weeks said the building had received some minor wind damage over time, and this work was needed to correct the problem.



Erosion work has been a big project this summer at Elba City Schools. Many areas around the school complex were in need of work to prevent ongoing erosion, and Superintendent Weeks said several of his staff members have worked really hard to correct the erosion problems. The staff members also have worked to clean ditches around the school that over time had become an eyesore. Weeks said he is very proud of the work the staff has completed over the summer. He said it is undeniable that their hard work has saved the school system many thousands of dollars. These type projects are ongoing each summer, and Weeks said the school's staff is always ready and willing to do what needs to be done to keep the Elba School System in good shape.

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## Elba City Council planning workshop to discuss need for additional police officers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council business Monday evening was light. Two board appointments were approved; a tax abatement was voted in for a local firm and a resolution applying for a federal grant will move forward.

The Healthcare Authority of Elba, which owns and manages the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, submitted a list of board members for ratification. This was necessary due to the death of long time Chairman Drexel Cook and resignation of Carolyn Brunson.

The new make-up of the five member board is as follows: Chairman Pete Cash (moving up from Vice Chairman), term expiring 12-12-2013; new appointee - Jimmy Cook, term expiring 11-12-2011; Cabert Mills, term expiring 11-12-2011; new appointee - Kenneth Strong, term expiring 11-12-2009; and Daniel Stephens, term expiring 2009.

The council approved a resolution authorizing Mayor James Grimes to sign the necessary paperwork to complete application for a CDBG Community Enhancement grant to install new sewer lines on Marilyn Street.

A delegation of residents, in that area appeared before the council recently requesting the help. A similar application was declined several years ago, due to an unimpressive cost-benefit ratio, but might gain approval in this round of grants.

The amount of the grant application is \$240,050 and the local matching funds totals

\$25,000.

The council also approved tax abatements for the new Dorsey Trailers. The property tax portion of the abatement is for 10 years. The sales tax abatement will be a one-time affair for equipment purchased prior to the start-up of the manufacturing firm, which is now a division of Pitts Enterprises.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that if the good weather "holds", the long awaited resurfacing of Highway 84, from the Bypass to Highway 87 (Samson Highway) is expected begin in a few days.

Grantham also announced that more demolition of "falling in" buildings across from Dorsey Trailers should be done in the next few weeks. He added that additional crews are working to keep up with the trash pick-up in town. He added a reminder to residents that a load of a half truckload or more is billed to residents at the rate of \$50 per load. He said this has been on the ordinance books for many years and is not something new.

Mayor Grimes reported he is still evaluating the ISO rating report, has met with the fire chief and has a scheduled meeting with the water superintendent. His goal is to find out what needs to be done to improve the community's fire fighting rating.

A workshop is planned for Thursday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. The announced purpose of this meeting is to again discuss the need for additional police officers. The meeting will be in the council chambers of city hall.

## Red Cross conducts community blood drive in Elba

by Brian Blak, Staff Writer

Many Elba citizens answered the call for help earlier this week by giving blood during the Elba Community Blood Drive.

The blood drive was held Monday, July 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Elba Recreation Center, and according to Russell Robinson, blood drive charge nurse, the worthy event was a success.

"As of 1 p.m. we have 16 pints of blood, and, as you can see, we have more coming in at this time," said Robinson during the blood drive. "Things have been slow today, but we really appreciate all of those who came out to donate blood."

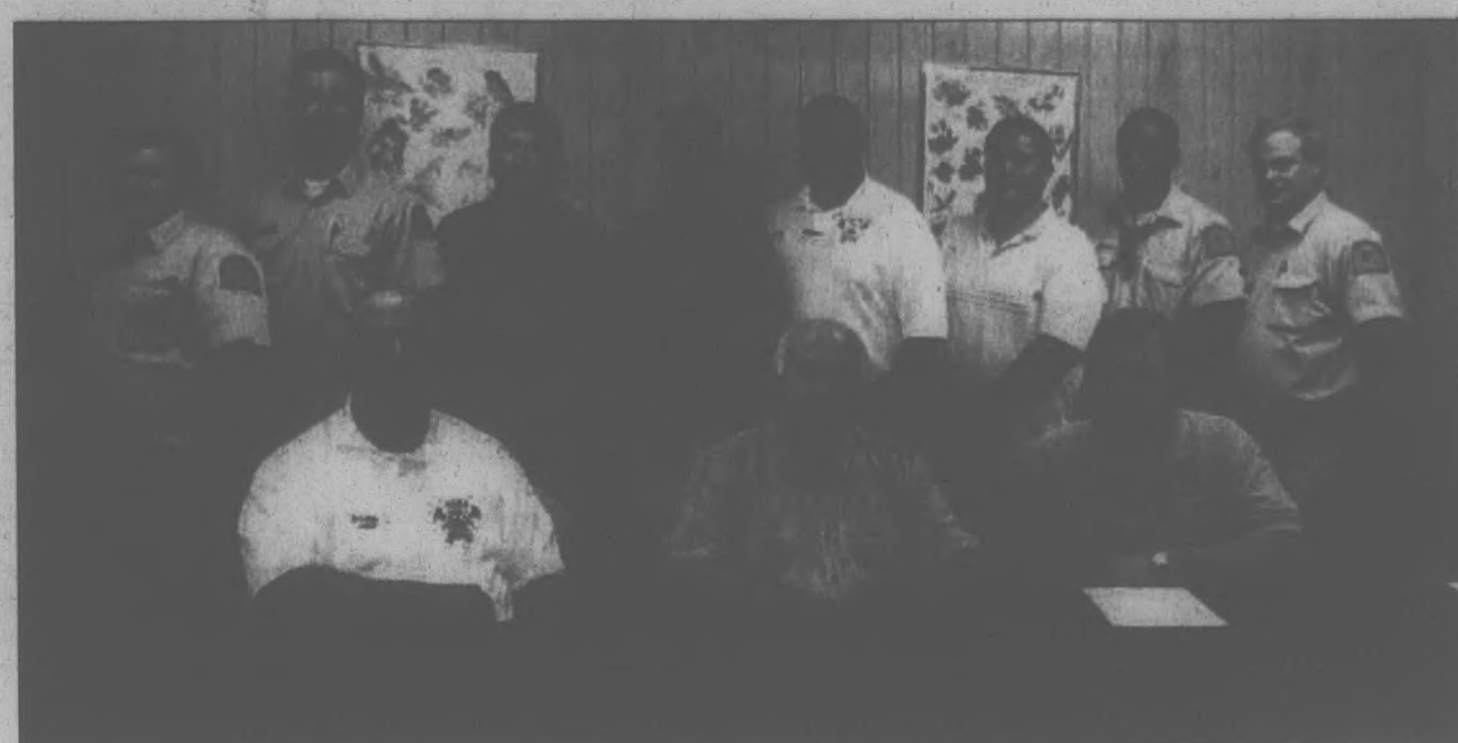
Robinson noted that Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey and another officer had donated blood earlier in the day.

When asked about the recent blood shortage, Robinson said there is still a shortage of blood around the state and region.

"We are here to help the community, as always," said Robinson. "You never know when someone may need blood."

Robinson expressed the Red Cross' appreciation to everyone who donated blood. To show the appreciation of the Red Cross, he said every person that gave blood on Monday received a free t-shirt and two weeks of free tanning. The donors were also entered to win two round-trip Delta Airlines tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A., as well as, a one-month tanning package.

Robinson said he personally wanted to again say "thank you" to everyone in the community that donated blood and remind anyone who wishes to give blood that they must be 17-years-old and present a donor card or a picture ID.



**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN COFFEE COUNTY** received grant checks Monday evening, July 23, from the state's forestry commission. The checks were presented by Senator Jimmy Holley (also representing Representative Terry Spicer) and equaled more than \$1,800 each for the nine certified volunteer fire departments in Coffee County. Prior to presenting the checks, Sen. Holley read a letter from Alabama Governor Bob Riley thanking the men and women of the departments for volunteering their time to help others. The nine certified volunteer fire departments in the county include: Battens VFD, Elba VFD, Five Star VFD, Goodman VFD, Ino VFD, Kinston VFD, New Brockton VFD, Tri-Community VFD and Zion Chapel VFD. The grant check presentation was made at the Coffee County Forestry Commission office in New Brockton. Those in attendance included: (seated, left to right) Wesley DeVane, Elba Volunteer Fire Department; Senator Jimmy Holley; and Joseph McCollough, Five-Star Volunteer Fire Department; (standing left to right) Nick Grainger, Coffee County Forestry Commission; Bobby Light, manager of the Coffee County Forestry Commission; Glen Gatlin, Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; Russ Young, Kinston Volunteer Fire Department; Greg Lee, New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department; Jeffrey Wood, Battens Volunteer Fire Department; Gary Coleman, fire specialist with the forestry commission; and Keith Stephens, ranger with the forestry commission.

## Commissioners handle routine business during bimonthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners held a short and routine meeting Monday morning, July 23, in New Brockton.

The first item on the agenda for commissioners was the opening of bids for pre-event debris removal. Six bids were submitted from various companies with amounts ranging from just under \$500,000 up to more than \$2.5 million dollars.

Upon the request of county

engineer Randy Tindell, commissioners voted to table this issue to allow more time for officials to look over the bids. Tindell said the bids were based on a "hypothetical storm" for the future.

It was noted the matter regarding inmate pharmacy services remained under old business for commissioners to discuss; however, they chose to keep the item tabled until a further date.

County resident Annette Griswold addressed commissioners on behalf of the "City on the Hill" radio program which airs on a local radio station every Saturday. She said a "Let Freedom ring in Jesus' Name" event will be held Sept. 8th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center.

Griswold requested a waiver on insurance from commissioners for the free-to-the-public event.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple offered a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to waive all fees for the use of the farm center for the event. The motion was approved with five commissioners voting in favor

while two commissioners abstained from the vote. Abstaining were commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Stephens said he was in support of Christian events, but he chose to abstain from the vote because he did not have prior knowledge of the event. Griswold spoke of during Monday's meeting.

After the vote, Griswold told Stephens she would be glad to get him some information on the event.

In matters from the county engineer, Tindell said each of the commissioners has received a draft copy of the subdivision regulations. He said the next order of business would be to adopt a resolution accepting the regulations.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion with a second from Weeks to adopt a resolution accepting the subdivision regulations.

Commissioner Dalrymple said he had received the draft copy but had not had time to look it over prior to Monday's meeting. Therefore, he made a motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimley to

table the issue. The motion to table was approved.

R.W. Whitworth, chief deputy for the sheriff's department, reported to commissioners that razor wire was being installed Monday around the jail facility.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the commission had received a letter from the Coffee County Water Authority asking to purchase a dump truck from the county highway department. Tindell said the truck was available for sale.

Westbrook made a motion with a second from commissioner Weeks to sell the dump truck to the Coffee County Water Authority for \$3,000. This motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Also during remarks from commissioners, Commissioner Stephens said a group from the Ino Senior Citizens' Center attended an event last Friday and had trouble with their bus. He said the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizen Center came to the group's rescue, and he would like to personally thank them for their help.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 13.

## On Duty: Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

**Editor's Note:** This week, The Elba Clipper begins a weekly feature focusing on the staff of Coffee County EMS. This feature is designed to help local citizens become better acquainted with those serving with the emergency response department.

Michael Hughes joined the Coffee County EMS team two years ago.

He had previously been a volunteer for six years and currently serves as an EMT Basic.

Hughes' special training includes National Registry EMT, State of Alabama EMT, AHA, BLS/CPR/AED Instructor, Firefighter and EVOC. He also said he is currently attending paramedic school. His overall plan is to obtain certification as instructor in all aspects of fire/rescue. Hughes said the brotherhood of public servants is what he enjoys the most about his job.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Hughes said, "the East



EMT-B Michael Hughes

Montgomery tornadoes of 2006. My partner and I rescued, triaged and arranged transport for 41 children after the Fun Zone collapsed."

Hughes is also employed as Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT

and Training Officer at Midway/Damascus Fire Department. He is the web designer and sole proprietor of Hugcho Web Services. He also owns and operates Fastrax Van Lines.